GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:37
ANSWERED ON:23.02.2011
CORRUPTION CASES AGAINST GOVERNMENT SERVANTS
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the widespread cases of corruption/irregularities committed by the Government servants;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the number of Government servants against whom complaints have been received alongwith the number against whom investigation is underway during the last three years and the current year;

(d) the number of cases in which permission for prosecution from the courts has been sought alongwith the number of cases in which such permission was denied during the above period;

(e) whether any strategy has been evolved by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) to weed out corruption; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (f): The Statement has been laid on the Table of House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 37 FOR 23.2.2011.

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): Corruption undermines democracy and the rule of law, leads to violations of human rights, distorts markets and erodes the quality of life. Corruption hurts the poor disproportionately by diverting funds intended for development, undermining a Government's ability to provide basic services, feeding inequality and injustice. The Government has already constituted a Group of Ministers to consider measures that can be taken by the Government to tackle corruption.

(c): The data regarding complaints is not maintained centrally in the Government. However, cases against 1852 Government officials were registered on the basis of complaints during the last three years and the current year by the CBI, the details of which is given as under:-

Year	No. of Govt. Servants involved in CBI cases
2008	595
2009	654
2010	559

2011 44
(upto Jan. 2011)

Total 1852

(d): Under the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988, no court shall take congnisance of an offence punishable under the Act alleged to be committed by a public servant without previous sanction of the competent authority. This sanction is generally sought by the CBI. Between 2008 and January 2011, CBI made 2931 requests to the competent authorities in Ministries/Departments. Of these, prosecution sanctions were given in 2825 requests, and denied in 43 requests.

(e) & (f): In order to promote good governance in the country, the Central Vigilance Commission has formulated a draft "National Anti Corruption Strategy" (NACS) as a guiding policy document. The proposed Strategy aims at systematic and conscious reshaping of the country's national integrity system. The draft Strategy recommends a set of action to be taken by the Government and a set of action by the political entities, judiciary, media, citizens, private sector and civil society organizations.